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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deliver to Mr. Philip J. Farley
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Here is the answer we would propose in the event questions are raised concerning the Beecher article. The MC 161 reference is to a basic US submission to the annual NATO intelligence assessment which was up for final approval by USIB and JCS at the end of the first week in January and presumably went to the other NATO members soon thereafter. Unfortunately, it did not go into any more detail on the SS-11.

As you probably recall, these SS-11 deployment were discussed at some length in a [redacted] 25X1
[redacted], The Soviet SS-11 ICBM System: A New Role in Peripheral Attack, which we published last month.

In case anybody wants to check the MC 161 text, the passages are concerned are on the first two pages of Part I, Section 5 - Strategic Military Posture (Strategic Rocket, Air, and Air Defense Forces).

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Proposed Statement

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Proposed statement by Ambassador Smith to the NAC
if Queried on the Beecher Article

I don't want to get into a detailed discussion of a newspaper treatment of classified matter, especially since the subject is under continuing study and not all the returns are in yet. You deserve a more considered discussion of this subject than I can give you under these circumstances.

I think it is fair to say, however, that the report is substantially correct in stating that there has apparently been some additional SS-11 deployment. This, incidentally, was reflected in our MC 161 contribution, which noted that some short-range Scaleboard missiles as well as some SS-11 ICBMs were probably being deployed to supplement the MRBM/IRBM force. It is still not clear to what extent the deployment referred to is designed to offset the slow decline in the number of MRBMs which has probably began^u to take place.

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